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1. IN ABSENCE ASYG URQUHART SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL LIU GAVE AMB. SCHAUFLE FOLLOWING RUNDOWN OF NOV 23 MEETING BETWEEN GAMASY AND YAARIV AT KM 101. MEETING LASTED TWO HOURS AND WAS CONFINED TO CLARIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING. ATMOSPHERE WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRIENDLY.
2. YAARIV EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE STRENGTH AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EGYPTIAN FORCES EAST OF CANAL.
3. GAMASY AMPLIFIED HIS PLAN ON DISENGAGEMENT. EGYPT WOULD MAINTAIN THREE INFANTRY DIVISIONS EAST OF CANAL. ONE NORTH OF QANTARA, ONE SOUTH OF ISMAILIA AND ONE IN 3RD ARMY AREA. THEY WOULD HAVE PRESENT RANGE OF WEAPONS INCLUDING TANKS BUT NO TANK UNITS. THIS PHASE OF DISENGAGEMENT SHOULD END JAN 15, 1974 WHEN THE MOVE TO A SECOND LINE WOULD TAKE PLACE.
4. YAARIV RAISED THREE PRIMARY OBJECTIONS TO GAMASY PLAN: (A) THE DISTANCE OF 45 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE CANAL FOR THE ISRAELI MAIN FORCE IS TOO FAR; (B) THE SIZE OF THE
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PROPOSED RESIDUAL EGYPTIAN FORCE EAST OF CANAL IS TOO LARGE;
(C) THE TIME FRAME IS TOO SHORT. HOWEVER, HE WOULD CONSULT WITH GOI.

5. GAMASY SAID THAT AFTER DISENGAGEMENT CIVILIAN POPULATION WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED IMMEDIATELY TO RETURN TO CANAL ZONE. YAARIV ASKED IF SECOND DISENGAGEMENT WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER PARA B OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT OR AS A RESULT OF PEACE CONFERENCE.

6. SIILASVUO COMMENTED THAT, IN VIEW OF FRANK AND FRIENDLY NATURE OF TALKS, TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND COMPROMISE IN SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET ISRAELIS TO AGREE TO MORE THAN 35 KILOMETERS FROM CANAL SINCE IDF WOULD THEN LOSE CONTROL OF SINAI PASSES. BECAUSE OF INTERNAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND DIFFICULTIES IN DISMANTLING PRESENT INSTALLATIONS IT WILL ALSO BE DIFFICULT FOR ISRAELIS TO MOVE TO SECOND LINE IN TIME FRAME PREPARED BY GAMASY.

7. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW.
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